



# Key Organizational Milestones

1990

The EDC is formed from the merger of the St. Charles County IDA and SBA 504 lender Crossroads Development Corporation, creating a one-stop shop for business services and community promotion.



1993

The EDC Incubator, initially known as the "Synergy Center," opens in St. Peters with 30,000 SF of office, flex space, and conference rooms for entrepreneurs.



1995

An expansion doubles the size of the incubator to 60,000 SF.



2001

The EDC launches Partners for Community Progress, a public policy focused on economic development, education, healthcare, infrastructure, and quality of life issues.



2009

The EDC is named as nation's "504 Lender of the Year" by the U.S. Small Business Administration



2010

The EDC and Partners create the MO' Cowbell Marathon, an annual Boston-Marathon-qualifying race that draws thousands of runners and spectators to the community each October.



2014

The EDC is certified as an accredited Economic Development Organization (EDO), becoming one of fewer than 90 such organizations in North America.

2020  
2021  
2023

The EDC of St. Charles County is named the largest SBA 504 lender in the St. Louis region by the St. Louis Business Journal.



2023

The EDC Incubator celebrates 30 years, having graduated nearly 300 businesses encompassing 1,800 jobs into the regional marketplace since 1993.

